

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION est. 1939

May 2003 Newsletter

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Lush 'n Lovely Greetings!

We finally have a most beautiful spring! Would we could capture those blossoming trees, white and peach and lavender, and many tones of pink--well, maybe you are, in paint, at any rate! To celebrate this season, why not come to our next meeting, Monday, May 19th, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library, to see Ann Taylor demonstrate in watercolors. A long-time award winner, Ann was also president of the Essex Watercolor Club, and she is a well known painter and demonstrator. Our thanks go to Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle for obtaining Ann as our May demonstrator. Thanks also goes to Judy Hummer, who will be providing refreshments for the May meeting.

Thank you also to Debbie Hughes, who totally arranged and ran RVAA's annual bus trip to New York City on Saturday, April 26th. Rainy outside, it was a perfect day to have a comfortable bus drop one at the Metropolitan (for a most interesting and informative Manet & Velazquez Exhibit), and then pick one up and take one to the Forbes and the Salmagundi Club for the AWS Show. You must take advantage of this great deal next year! After a day of art, we enjoyed all the snacks and drinks Debbie had toted onto the bus, and had a good ride home. The special show at the Met continues until June 8th; your editor would urge you to see it. I thought I knew a lot, but I learned so much about the Spanish influence (artists in the mid-1600s like Velazquez, Murilla, Ribera, et al) on the artists of the mid-1800s, like Manet, Courbet, Delacroix, and even Renoir and Eva Gonzalez (and she was new to me--her painting in the exhibit was enchanting). Anyway, thank you again, Debbie.

Lots of shows are on now--the New Jersey Water Color Society Full Members' Exhibit is at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Milburn through Sunday, May 25th. The Garden State Watercolor Society Full Members' Show is up through Sunday, June 1st, at the Montgomery Center for the Arts, 1860 House. Somerset Art Association's Members' Show is up through June 7th. The Annual Juried Exhibition sponsored by the Delaware & Raritan Greeway is up in the Brodsky Gallery at the Chauncey Conference Center on ETS's corporate campus in Princeton June 2-15. And you may enter St. Mark's Church Show in Mendham (call for prospectus) with receiving 5/26 & 27. Also, thinking ahead, the Mountain Art Show needs slides by 9/1 for the juried part of their show (there is also a non-juried part); St. John on the Mountain in Bernardsville's fax number is 908/781-0728. (Interesting that neither prospectus has a phone number on it; although I'm sure you could phone and get forms).

Finally, this is the last Newsletter until September (the library has not given Linda the fall dates yet). Please, please, send me notes of your news, your awards at the Wildlife Show, Lamington, St. Mark's, shore shows, etc., and I'll keep it all for a grand September Newsletter!

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

JO COUDERT'S book *ADVICE FROM A FAILURE* (which Jo decidedly is not!) is back in print. Originally published in hardcover, trade paperback, and mass market paperback, in 1998, it is now back in a 51st reprinting. Jo did a Book Signing at the Califon Book Shop on May 3rd (and your editor is sure you can find *ADVICE FROM A FAILURE* in a bookstore near you!)

And now, enjoy this gorgeous spring, and hopefully, a glorious summer!